

HOW TO OBTAIN A MARRIAGE LICENSE

- A marriage license is valid the day you get it. It is then valid for 20 days after which time it expires. It is a Class 1 Misdemeanor to use it after those 20 days (Codified Law SDCL 25-1-24).
- If you are getting married in South Dakota you can obtain your license at any Register of Deeds office in the state.
- Both the bride and groom must come to the office.
- A marriage license costs \$40.00 in cash. We do not take checks, credit cards or debit cards for marriage licenses.
- Both the bride and groom need to show picture ID, such as a driver's license, with proof of name and age on it.
- You will need to know your social security number, so bring a document showing it or make sure you know it.
- The application process takes about ½ hour. Please schedule enough time to complete the license application.
- Our office hours are 8:00am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. We are open over the noon hour.
- If you are getting married at the courthouse, an appointment is needed with the Clerk of Courts Office to perform the marriage. 605-688-4200
- Whomever marries you then has 10 days AFTER you get married to get it back to a Register of Deeds in South Dakota.

OBTAINING A CERTIFIED COPY OF YOUR MARRIAGE LICENSE

- AFTER that 10 days, or when you know that your license has been brought back to a Register of Deeds in South Dakota, you can get a CERTIFIED copy of your Marriage License. One will NOT be automatically mailed to you. The cost is \$15.00 per copy. You can go to the office of any Register of Deeds in South Dakota or you can complete an application found online at www.brookingscountysd.gov, under "Departments," "Register of Deeds Forms & Resources," and mail the \$15.00 fee with the completed application.
- If the bride is changing her last name she will NEED a certified copy of her marriage license in order to do so for Social Security and Driver's License. Some employers and banks may also require that as proof of the name change.

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